Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is home of Clarence Simonsen, and we are richer because Clarence lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Clarence was born in Yankton, South Dakota, on September 17, 1915, to Simon and Gertrude Simonsen; and,

Whereas, Clarence married Ruth Stern on August 6, 1939, and to this union they were blessed with two children, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Clarence resides at the Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno, South Dakota, and will observe his 100th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather on September 13, 2015, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him a happy 100th birthday and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State